

which to deal with it.

WITNESS: Thank you, Mr. Dupuis. Then, speaking about a year later in regard to the Defence of Canada Regulations I made the following remarks, which I think are relevant: I had spoken rather lightly before the Junior Board of Trade mentioning that there was danger in the regulations but that we understood that they would only be used in emergency and would not be abused and nobody would be prejudiced by them. But a year later after considering a number of cases which came to my personal attention of which I made an investigation, and not only cases of anti-fascists but cases of people of Italian and even German origin: I said as follows: gentlemen, we can no longer discuss these regulations in the light tone I then adopted. All history should have taught us that when too great powers -- the regulations have been put to uses far removed from the defence of Canada -- they have been perverted to serve class and party ends. I for one refused to recognize that subjects of my country, loyal and spirited men who call the attention of our leaders to their obvious duties and demand the amelioration of conditions which have been allowed to become intolerable. I pointed out that in Canada there was danger of Canada going through the same phase which I had observed in France with the utmost concern. I said that there is in this country, there was in France, a reactionary element which instead of leading the country in a foreign war with all its strength wages a relentless and ruthless war on all the liberal elements in the dominion -- and I did not use "liberal" in the political sense. I said, that instead of uniting the country in common effort --

MR. CLAXTON: And you, a good Conservative.

WITNESS: I am referred to now as a Red or a Communist.

MR. CLAXTON: As a good Conservative you would not yourself spell liberal with a capital "L"?